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PATENT

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

After entry of this amendment, claims 11-14, 38-55, and 58-60 will be pending in this application. Claims 58 through 60 have been rewritten as independent claims and amended. Claims 10, 33-37, 56, and 57 have been cancelled. No new matter has been added.

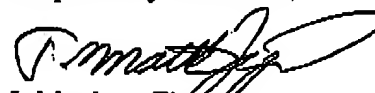
The pending claims have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Van Hook et al (Van Hook) (United States patent number 6,353,438). Reconsideration of this rejection and allowance of the pending claims in light of these amendments and the phone conversations between Examiner Monestime and the undersigned as summarized in the attached statement of substance is respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicants believe all claims now pending in this application are in condition for allowance. The issuance of a formal notice of allowance at an early date is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 650-752-2456.

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